



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager/Clerk of the Board



**Date:** April 03, 2017  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 25, 2017  
**Special Notice/Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** None

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Stanford University 2018 General Use Permit Application

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Hold a study session to receive an update from Stanford University on its proposed 2018 application for a new General Use Permit from Santa Clara County.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2000, Santa Clara County completed a comprehensive public process to create a new legislative framework for future land use decisions at Stanford University. As a result of that process, the County of Santa Clara adopted the Stanford Community Plan, which describes land use strategies, policies and implementation measures specific to Stanford University. When Santa Clara County adopted the Stanford Community Plan in 2000, it issued Stanford its current General Use Permit (the 2000 General Use Permit), which authorized construction of the first increment of new academic and academic support space, housing and other infrastructure that can be constructed on the campus. The General Use Permit does not detail specific projects or buildings that might be constructed on campus, but rather, sets an overall framework governing Stanford's land use over an extended period of time. Stanford is nearing completion of the facilities and housing authorized by the 2000 General Use Permit. For this reason, Stanford is proposing that the County of Santa Clara approve an updated new 2018 General Use Permit covering the next increment of campus development in a manner that continues to implement the Stanford Community Plan's strategies.

**DISCUSSION:**

On November 21, 2016, Stanford University submitted an application to Santa Clara County for an updated long-term campus land use permit. The proposal, as it stands now, would allow Stanford to provide more on-campus housing in the coming years and to continue evolving its academic facilities to meet modern research and teaching needs. Stanford's lands are located in several jurisdictions, including San Mateo County. The proposed long-term land use permit would apply to the lands in Santa Clara County. While new development under the permit would not occur in San Mateo County, traffic heading to Stanford can traverse through several roads located in San Mateo County.

The anticipated time period covered by this new General Use Permit would be from 2018 to 2035. Given the potential impacts of new projects at Stanford University on roads located in San Mateo County, Stanford University representatives will provide this presentation to give the Board and San Mateo County stakeholders insight into the proposed application for a new General Use Permit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no known fiscal impact at this time as Stanford's General Use Permit does not detail specific plans.